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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

1. LOUIS A. WIESNER, COUNSELOR, AND NICHOLAS ERJAVEC, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, BOTH OF INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE WILL BE TRAVELLING TO KINSHASA AND LUSAKA TO ASCERTAIN HOW BEST THEIR ORGANIZATION CAN ASSIST HOST GOVERNMENTS IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA. THEY PLAN TO MEET WITH MISSION OFFICIALS SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY. THEY WILL CONTACT EMBASSIES DIRECTLY. REQUEST YOU ASSIST WHERE APPROPRIATE.

2. FOR KINSHASA. WIESNER, A RETIRED FSO, PLANS TO ARRIVE VIA PAN AM ON SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10. HE PLANS TO CONTACT POLITICAL COUNSELOR THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. DEPT NOT CERTAIN OF ERJAVEC TRAVEL PLANS, BUT HE IS BASED IN GENEVA, AND WILL ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. WIESNER DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE MET AND IS MAKING HIS OWN RESERVATIONS AT INTERCON.

3. FOR LUSAKA: WEISNER AND ERJAVEC PLAN TO ARRIVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 BY AS YET UNDETERMINED FLIGHT, AND TO STAY IN ZAMBIA UNTIL JANUARY 2. THEY WILL CONTACT
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EMBASSY THE MONDAY FOLLOWING ARRIVAL. WIESNER MET WITH

ZAMBIAN EMBASSY CHARGE DECEMBER 7, AND WAS PROMISED LETTER
OF INTRODUCTION TO HOME MINISTER MILNER. CHARGE ALSO
TOLD HIM THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR HIM TO VISIT
REFUGEE SITES OUTSIDE LUSAKA, WHICH WIESNER HOPES TO DO.

4. WIESNER AND ERJAVEC DO NOT EXPECT TO BE MET, BUT
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMING THEIR RESERVATIONS
AT INTERCONTINENTAL WHICH ARE BEING MADE BY AMERICAN
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